

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4, with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/705,146, filed November 2, 2000, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,656,684, which application is incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace the paragraph at page 26, following "Abstract of the Invention", with the following amended paragraph:

The present invention provides methods and kits for predicting recurrence of tumor or cancer in a mammal by calculating the ratio of the amount of Survivin ~~and~~ to the amount of ~~PAF~~ pro-apoptosis factor (PAF) in a physiological sample.